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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MITSUI SUMITOMO INSURANCE CO., LTD.

**Plaintiffs** 

v.

**ECF Case** 

07 CV 3874 (Judge McMahon)

EVERGREEN MARINE CORPORATION and UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Defendants.

# UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY'S ANSWER TO THE COMPLAINT

Defendant Union Pacific Railroad Company ("UP"), by its attorneys, Barry N.

Gutterman & Associates, P.C., for its Answer to plaintiff's Complaint hereby states and alleges as follows:

- 1. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 1 of the Complaint, except as to the allegation that the Carmack Amendment governs, UP denies this allegation.
- 2. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 2 of the Complaint.
- 3. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 3 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.

- 4. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 4 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 5. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 5 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 6. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 6 of the Complaint.

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- 7. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 7 of the Complaint.
- 8. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 8 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 9. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 9 of the Complaint.
- 10. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 10 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 11. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 11 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 12. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 12 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.

- 13. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 13 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 14. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 14 of the Complaint.
- 15. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 15 of the Complaint.
- 16. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 16 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 17. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 17 of the Complaint.
- 18. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 18 of the Complaint.
- 19. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 19 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 20. UP denies knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in paragraph 20 of the Complaint and therefore denies the same and leaves plaintiff to its proof.
- 21. UP repeats and realleges its responses to paragraphs 1-20 of the Complaint as its response to paragraph 21.
- 22. UP admits the allegations contained in paragraph 22 of the Complaint, but with the regard to the allegation that UP was a receiving, delivering and/or other carrier within the meaning of the Carmack Amendment, UP denies this allegation.
- 23. UP does not respond to paragraph 23 of the Complaint as such allegations are not addressed to it.

- 24. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 24 of the Complaint.
- 25. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 25 of the Complaint.
- 26. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 26 of the Complaint.
- 27. UP repeats and realleges its responses to paragraphs 1-26 of the Complaint as its response to paragraph 27.
- 28. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 28 of the Complaint.
- 29. UP repeats and realleges its responses to paragraphs 1-28 of the Complaint as its response to paragraph 29.
- 30. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 30 of the Complaint.
- 31. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
- 32. UP repeats and realleges its responses to paragraphs 1-31 of the Complaint as its response to paragraph 32.
- 33. UP denies the allegations contained in paragraph 33 of the Complaint.

### AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

34. To the extent that the plaintiff failed to meet the minimum filing requirements of filing a proper written claim within the time prescribed, this lawsuit is time barred.

## AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

35. To the extent that plaintiff failed to file suit within the period proscribed, this lawsuit is time barred.

#### AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

36. The complaint fails to state a claim against UP on which relief may be granted.

# AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

37. In the event that the plaintiff had not or has no title or interest in the shipment that is the subject of this action, then the plaintiff is not the real party in interest an is not entitled to maintain this suit.

#### AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

38. In the event that said shipment moved subject to any statutory or contractual limitations of liability, either specifically agreed to or contained in any applicable tariffs and/or governing publications, the plaintiff may not recover in excess of such limitations.

### AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

39. Plaintiff's common law claims are preempted by federal law.

#### AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

40. The bill of lading, tariffs and classifications and the governing publications do not contemplate responsibility for special damages. To the extent, that plaintiff seeks recovery for special damages, UP is not responsible.

WHEREFORE, defendant Union Pacific Railroad Company demands judgment; (1) dismissing the Complaint with prejudice, together with the costs, disbursements and reasonable attorneys fees; and (2) for such other or different relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York

June 7, 2007

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